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LABORNET: On-Line Electronic Data Retrieval System

The Division of Economic Analysis and Research, Bureau of Employment Security, Department of Labor is the organization charged with collecting, analyzing, and disseminating socioeconomic and labor market data. The data disseminated are collectively known as Labor Market Information (LMI), and LMI Services constitutes the outreach arm of the Division. **LABORNET** is the on-line electronic data retrieval system which makes LMI available to public and private sector decision-makers.

LABORNET users can access LMI of all kinds, including Decennial Census data, to assist with a broad range of socioeconomic decision-making. Industrial developers and companies considering a Maine location use LMI to evaluate the potential labor force available in an area, to study the age, gender, educational and occupational characteristics of the labor force, and to determine prevailing wage rates. Employment and training planners use LMI to develop training programs in occupations that have a high potential for job placement. LMI is also used by public policy makers at all levels of government to effectively allocate scarce resources.

LMI available on-line through **LABORNET** includes primary statistical research data resulting from joint federal/state cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). These are Current Employment Statistics (CES), Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS), Occupational Employment Statistics (OES), Employment and Wages (ES-202 and Standard Industrial Coding) Report Program, and the Permanent Mass Layoff and Plant Closing Program. Also included from the BLS are data from the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and the Current Population Survey (CPS).

As a member of the federal/state group, the Maine Department of Labor receives Per Capita Income Data from the Bureau of Economic Analysis of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Selected data on high school dropouts from the Maine Department of Educational and Cultural Services and data on welfare and food stamp recipients from the Maine Department of Human Services have also been incorporated into **LABORNET** for use by employment and training specialists.

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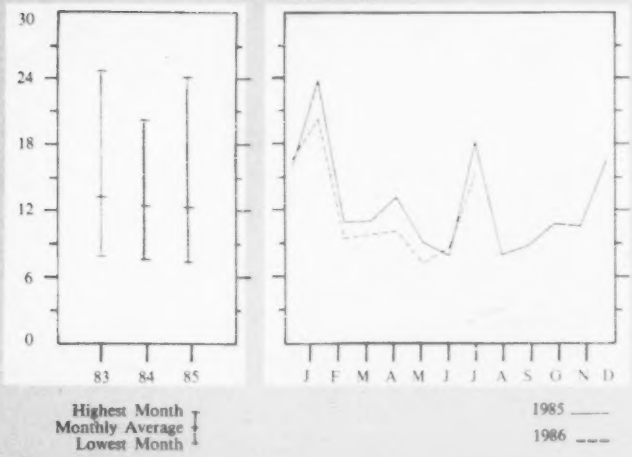
UI Initial Claims

in Thousands



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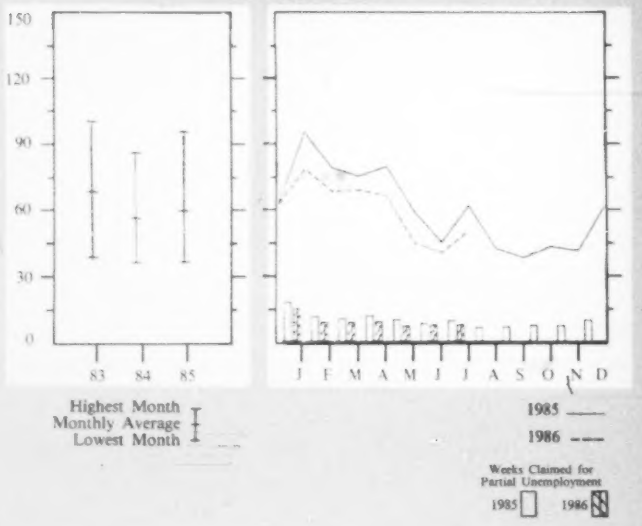

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Management information on the operations of Unemployment Compensation and the Job Service are on **LABORNET.**

Wage and employment data from the annual Wood Harvesting Wage Survey conducted by the Maine Department of Labor are included in the system.

News Releases on **LABORNET** provide timely analyses of state and local area economic conditions.

The Maine Department of Labor's Division of Economic Analysis and Research is the designated lead agency in Maine to provide direction and management to the State's Census Data Center Program. The program was initiated through a federal/state cooperative agreement between the U.S. Bureau of the Census and the Maine Department of Labor, Division of Economic Analysis and Research in 1983. The broad dissemination of Census data is a key provision of the agreement. This is accomplished through 28 affiliated regional data centers throughout the State, the release of printed material prepared by both the Census and the Division, and through **LABORNET.** One of the modules in **LABORNET** is called "CENSUS." Under "CENSUS" over 100,000 tables of Maine data can be accessed from the 1980 Census of Population and Housing. The 175 tables selected from the Summary Tape Files 2B and 3A are available for Maine, each county and labor market area, and all minor civil divisions in the State.

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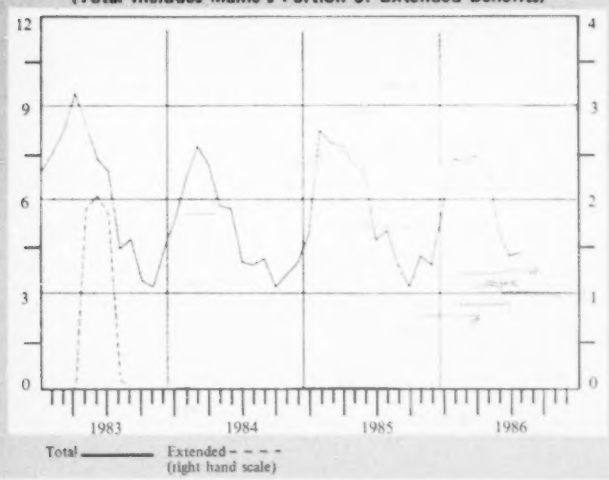
Selected Employment Security Activities

UI Benefit Payments

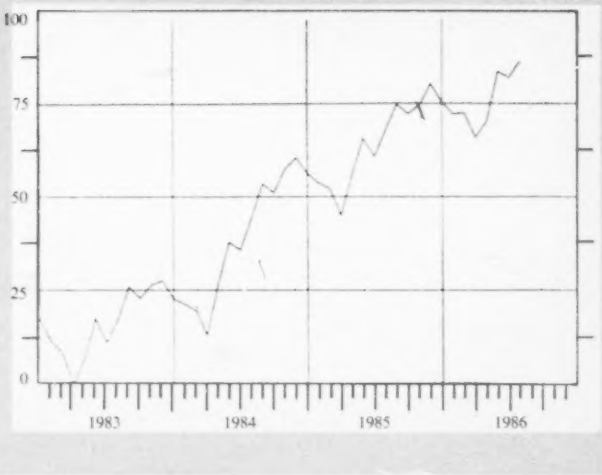
in Million Dollars

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance in Millions

(End of Month)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	PORTLAND MSA Last Month	PORTLAND MSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/	477.9	481.8	469.5	114.5	113.8	110.6	36.5	37.9	36.1
Total Manufacturing	100.1	105.9	100.5	16.5	17.0	15.9	9.7	10.7	9.9
Durable Goods	44.7	44.8	41.1	8.1	8.3	7.6	2.7	2.7	2.8
Lumber and Wood Products 2/	13.6	13.2	14.1	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.2
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.7	3.8	3.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.8
Machinery, except Electrical	3.8	4.0	4.5	1.9	2.1	1.9	0.3	0.3	0.3
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	10.0	10.3	9.8	3.6	3.6	3.6	0.9	0.8	0.9
Transportation Equipment	9.4	9.3	5.3	(d)	(d)	(d)	*	*	0.1
Other Durable Goods 3/	4.2	4.2	3.5	1.1	1.1	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5
Nondurable Goods	55.4	61.1	59.4	8.4	8.7	8.3	7.0	8.0	7.1
Food and Kindred Products	8.3	8.0	8.5	1.9	2.0	1.9	0.9	0.9	0.9
Textile Mill Products	5.7	7.1	5.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.0	1.3	1.0
Apparel	3.5	4.1	3.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Paper and Allied Products	16.8	17.8	18.4	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.6	0.6	0.6
Printing and Publishing	5.2	5.3	5.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.5
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	3.7	4.0	3.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.6	1.8	1.7
Leather and Leather Products	11.0	13.5	13.2	1.4	1.5	1.3	2.2	2.7	2.3
Footwear (except Rubber)	9.0	11.1	10.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.7	2.1	1.8
Other Leather Products	2.0	2.4	2.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.5	0.6	0.5
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	1.2	1.3	1.2	5.1	5.2	5.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total Nonmanufacturing	377.8	375.9	369.0	98.0	96.8	94.7	26.8	27.2	26.2
Mining	0.2	0.2	0.2	*	*	*	*	*	*
Contract Construction	30.3	28.7	26.0	6.9	6.8	6.5	1.9	1.8	1.9
Transportation and Public Utilities	19.6	19.3	19.9	5.9	5.8	5.7	1.4	1.4	1.3
Wholesale Trade	23.4	23.5	22.6	8.8	8.8	8.8	2.0	2.0	2.0
Retail Trade	96.2	94.3	94.2	25.1	24.3	24.3	6.9	7.0	6.7
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	23.3	22.9	21.3	10.8	10.6	9.7	2.0	2.0	1.9
Services	106.7	101.1	104.3	27.3	26.8	26.9	9.1	9.2	9.0
Government	78.1	85.9	80.5	13.2	13.7	12.8	3.5	3.8	3.4
Federal	18.6	18.6	18.7	1.8	1.8	1.7	0.3	0.3	0.3
State and Local 5/	59.5	67.3	61.8	11.4	11.9	11.1	3.2	3.5	3.1
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	1.2	0.4	4.6	0.0	0.2	0.5	0.0	*	0.0

1/Employment figures relate to full - and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/Lumber and wood products, and furniture and fixtures are combined in the Portland series. 3/Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland - 32, 38, 39; Lewiston - 25, 32, 39. 4/Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28, 29; Portland - 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30; Lewiston - 23, 28, 29. 5/Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 50. (d) Nondisclosure item.

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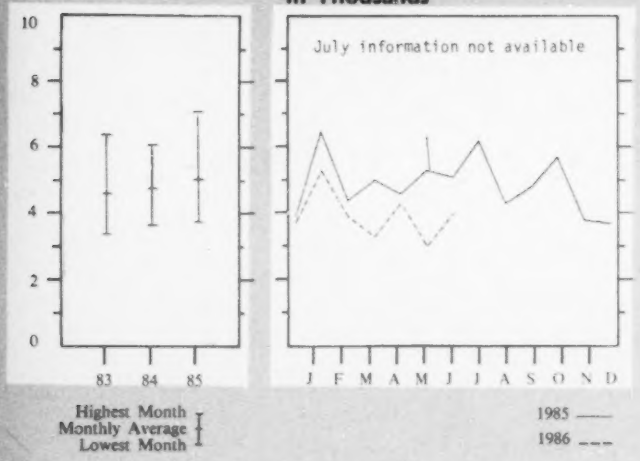
New Applications For Work

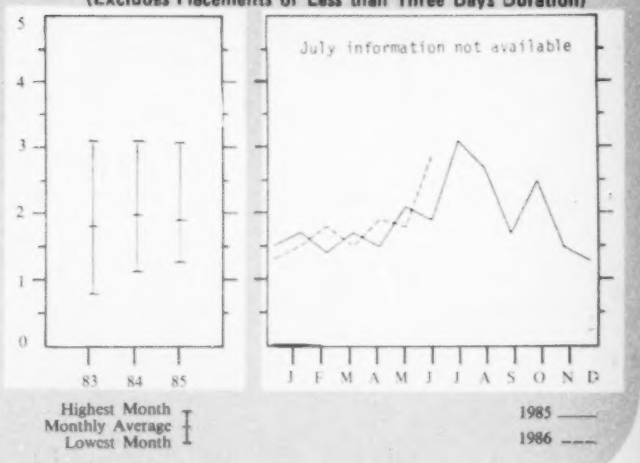
in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1985	1984	1983
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$352.69	$348.84	$331.63	40.4	40.8	40.1	$8.73	$8.55	$8.27	$8.40	$8.05	$7.61
Durable Goods	335.02	340.68	323.60	39.6	40.8	40.0	8.46	8.35	8.09	8.46	8.22	8.04
Lumber and Wood Products	315.59	292.70	336.19	40.1	39.5	40.8	7.87	7.41	8.24	8.06	7.57	7.37
Primary and Fabricated Metals	318.76	368.07	326.03	36.1	42.7	40.4	8.83	8.62	8.07	8.25	7.89	7.75
Machinery, except Electrical	375.58	395.65	366.22	38.8	41.3	40.2	9.68	9.58	9.11	9.11	8.36	8.08
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	301.50	308.77	282.73	37.5	38.5	37.9	8.04	8.02	7.46	7.57	7.56	7.27
Other Durable Goods	376.26	394.55	328.84	41.9	43.5	40.9	8.98	9.07	8.04	9.50	9.51	9.31
Nondurable Goods	367.43	354.09	337.68	41.1	40.7	40.2	8.94	8.70	8.40	8.31	7.95	7.37
Food and Kindred Products	260.54	257.04	246.65	36.8	36.0	38.3	7.08	7.14	6.44	6.63	6.46	6.10
Textile Mill Products	304.10	299.05	266.11	41.6	42.6	39.6	7.31	7.02	6.72	6.64	6.13	5.87
Apparel	222.96	200.01	222.83	40.1	35.4	39.3	5.56	5.65	5.67	5.83	5.55	5.39
Paper and Allied Products	593.10	571.58	532.84	46.3	45.8	44.0	12.81	12.48	12.11	12.25	11.62	10.95
Leather and Leather Products	222.64	224.47	226.13	37.8	37.6	37.5	5.89	5.97	6.03	5.93	5.80	5.59
Other Nondurable Goods	313.63	317.59	294.03	39.5	40.1	39.1	7.94	7.92	7.52	7.51	7.11	6.60
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	340.36	356.45	335.40	38.2	39.3	38.2	8.91	9.07	8.78	8.90	8.08	7.67
LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	n/a	n/a	271.04	n/a	n/a	39.8	n/a	n/a	6.81	6.78	6.58	6.16

n/a series discontinued

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM	This Month 1/	Last Month 1/	Year Ago 2/
Labor Force	254.6	250.5	250.3
Unemployed	18.8	15.1	19.2
(Percent)	7.4%	6.0%	7.7%
Resident Employed	235.8	235.4	231.1

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
(1967=100) All Items (CPI-U)	328.0	327.9	322.8	327.4

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.3%
Percent Change from Last December	+0.2%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+1.6%

1/ Preliminary estimates 2/ Revised

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE-Statewide	585.3	572.3	577.3	552.5	544.3	542.7	32.8	28.0	34.6	5.6	4.9	6.0
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA	40,400	39,700	40,700	38,400	37,800	38,600	2,000	1,900	2,100	5.0	4.8	5.2
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	40,600	40,400	40,500	37,000	38,000	36,700	3,600	2,400	3,800	8.9	5.9	9.4
Portland MSA	117,800	115,300	115,200	114,200	112,100	111,100	3,600	3,200	4,100	3.1	2.8	3.6
Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA 3/	n/a	130,880	128,370	n/a	127,380	121,390	n/a	3,500	6,980	n/a	2.7	5.4
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	31,920	31,350	32,290	30,170	29,830	30,460	1,750	1,520	1,830	5.5	4.8	5.7
Bath-Brunswick	26,300	26,050	26,090	25,330	25,190	24,760	970	860	1,330	3.7	3.3	5.1
Belfast	11,410	11,130	11,780	10,480	10,240	10,440	930	890	1,340	8.2	8.0	11.4
Biddeford	27,560	27,140	27,470	25,880	26,030	25,620	1,680	1,110	1,850	6.1	4.1	6.7
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	15,020	14,100	14,990	14,560	13,620	14,510	460	480	480	3.1	3.4	3.2
Calais-Eastport	14,140	13,470	13,390	12,840	12,140	12,330	1,300	1,330	1,060	9.2	9.9	7.9
Caribou-Presque Isle	22,720	22,290	21,800	20,710	20,670	20,090	2,010	1,620	1,710	8.8	7.3	7.8
Central Penobscot	2,820	2,940	2,770	2,620	2,760	2,530	200	180	240	7.1	6.1	8.7
Dover-Foxcroft	6,530	6,640	6,420	6,070	6,260	5,910	460	380	510	7.0	5.7	7.9
Ellsworth	26,050	24,120	25,550	24,950	22,900	24,460	1,100	1,220	1,090	4.2	5.1	4.3
Farmington	12,050	11,410	11,710	11,030	10,530	10,620	1,020	880	1,090	8.5	7.7	9.3
Fort Kent-Allagash	5,620	5,540	5,380	5,180	4,850	4,870	440	690	510	7.8	12.5	9.5
Greenville	1,360	1,280	1,250	1,270	1,180	1,160	90	100	90	6.6	7.8	7.2
Houlton	6,310	6,260	6,310	5,850	5,850	5,840	460	410	470	7.3	6.5	7.4
Kittery-York 3/	30,020	29,400	28,390	29,590	29,090	27,920	430	310	470	1.4	1.1	1.7
Lincoln-Howland	5,610	5,580	5,520	5,220	5,190	5,100	390	390	420	7.0	7.0	7.6
Livermore Falls	4,780	4,620	5,020	4,430	4,310	4,620	350	310	400	7.3	6.7	8.0
Madawaska-Van Buren	3,970	4,170	4,010	3,660	3,810	3,730	310	360	280	7.8	8.6	7.0
Millinocket-East Millinocket	4,530	4,500	4,620	4,200	4,220	4,430	330	280	190	7.3	6.2	4.1
Norway-Paris	12,470	11,760	12,070	11,650	11,070	11,240	820	690	830	6.6	5.9	6.9
Patten-Island Falls	3,010	2,890	2,700	2,840	2,700	2,560	170	190	140	5.6	6.6	5.2
Rockland	17,790	17,620	18,650	16,980	16,630	17,730	810	990	920	4.6	5.6	4.9
Rumford	8,640	8,240	8,700	7,620	7,600	7,980	1,020	640	720	11.8	7.8	8.3
Sanford	15,740	15,590	16,070	14,790	14,820	14,740	950	770	1,330	6.0	4.9	8.3
Sebago Lakes Region	14,900	13,050	12,810	14,380	12,650	12,310	520	400	500	3.5	3.1	3.9
Skowhegan	22,860	23,140	22,420	20,530	21,580	20,190	2,330	1,560	2,230	10.2	6.7	9.9
Southwest Penobscot	9,910	10,550	10,110	8,870	9,800	8,860	1,040	750	1,250	10.5	7.1	12.4
Waterville	22,410	22,100	22,570	21,190	20,900	21,340	1,220	1,200	1,230	5.4	5.4	5.4
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,765.1	1,720.2	n/a	1,699.4	1,629.0	n/a	65.7	91.2	n/a	3.7	5.3
Massachusetts	3,143.0	3,075.0	3,116.7	3,023.0	2,961.2	2,983.0	120.0	113.9	133.7	3.8	3.7	4.3
New Hampshire	576.0	571.7	553.0	554.5	553.4	524.7	21.5	18.3	28.3	3.7	3.2	5.1
Rhode Island	504.3	510.4	502.8	483.9	491.8	473.9	20.4	18.6	28.9	4.0	3.6	5.7
Vermont	285.1	284.7	277.1	273.9	272.2	264.7	11.2	12.5	12.4	3.9	4.4	4.5
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	6,779.3	6,747.1	n/a	6,522.3	6,418.0	n/a	257.0	329.1	n/a	3.8	4.9
UNITED STATES 4/	120,303	119,644	117,536	111,832	110,869	108,854	8,471	8,775	8,682	7.0	7.3	7.4

MSA-Metropolitan Statistical Area

Note

n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing. Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.

2/ Current and last month figures preliminary; year ago figures revised.

3/ Kittery-York is the eight-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

4/ National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

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Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants	11,801	7,548	13,986	908	755	1,483	1,854	720	2,069
Insured Unemployment Rate *	2.6	1.6	3.0	0.9	0.7	1.5	5.3	2.0	6.0

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

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